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WASHINGTON, January 22, 1877.
The all-absorbing question of to-day
is the proposed plan for counting the electo-
ral vote which was reported from the Sele-
ction Committee appointed for the purpose, and
taken up in the Senate on Saturday. I sup-
pose your readers are familiar with it.

is received by the different interests he congregated. Its purpose, as indicated in the able speech of Senator Edmunds, Saturday, is not so much to convince Senators and Members of Congress that one or the other of the aspirants for the presidency has been elected, as to satisfy the ten millions of anxious voters that whatever man

ing to law! If it were certain that the effect would be what the Committee expect, there would be no objection to it. It is not so far, it is wise; but can any one for a moment believe that if this plan shall lead to the inauguration of Hayes, there will be a Democratic less to murmur and threaten and perhaps shed blood, or if Tilden be elected, that the Republican will be less

is heavily every one seems to agree should be by the President of the Senate.

REPUBLICAN SURRENDER.

As a whole the Republicans are discouraged; and the average Democratic face is not beamed so brightly on but one occasion in twenty long years, and that was on the 8th day of last November. Nothing is more

eyes reached in the arrangements, and a character who is counted in by this grand unwelcome Board, somebody who has lost the help opponents have enlisted them. The political opinion expresses itself in various ways. One convivial Democratic member of the House said: "Let the Senate pass the bill and then they have developed the

Then," said he, "we'll do as we please about it, for we shall have them our way." Who can imagine a more ridiculous spectacle than that of the Senate, having abandoned their position by passing a bill, and then to be told by the House

REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC VIEWS
The Republicans are discouraged; and Democrats are jubilant, while men on the fence are rapidly unloading on the Tilldens. One gentleman (?) from Virginia, who

for the bill. He replied in true Virgile style: "Yas, sah! by Gawd, sah; and to t' daro' case, sah?" It is evident that Democratic programs from the 20s to divide the Republicans of the Senate has succeeded, and in that they appear to have succeeded. The friends of the "Cotton Edmonds, Conkling, Greeley" movement.

ceats to pass the bill. If it is possible to pass the bill without them, a few Democrats will vote against it to present a show of fairness and candor, but if it is necessary, one of them will vote for the bill. They are already chuckling over the point gained, viz: the division sought.

have everything to gain and nothing to lose. It is the panacea for all the ills that afflict this party this year. I do not claim that this bill is anything as expected to hold over the present quality had, avoid a fight with Waters 100,000, the advance guard of which a

that a Democrat may chance to help a Republican, **NATIONAL BULL-DOZING**. If the Democrats mean all the fight talk, it is only a question of time; it have to come, and the longer time they do prepare for it, the better they will prepared and the stronger they will

not peace, but disgraceful submission. The elements of our population have been no such a little of anxiety. The opposition of soldiers as a town, and I believe will go a great way toward deciding the measure, and soon have

The election investigations are becoming less interesting every day. Zach Cramer has established the fact that the anti-prosecution groups, as requested, cannot, that is, they do not, put a national seal of disapproval on a would-be anti-trust made good, as they are all sure to do.

closed. During the week, all enjoyed the
graduation of the Democratic Agricultural
College, and the telegrams of the campus
communities. They raised a school of
indignation against the newspaper, the
Alton, and as soon as they heard that
Orton, Manager of the Telegraph Company,
had called on all their officers for direct

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